

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1011

By: Moore of the House

and

6 Yen of the Senate  
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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Resolution celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary  
12 of the Sister-State relationship between the State of  
13 Oklahoma and Taiwan; expressing support for Taiwan's  
14 growing role in the international community;  
15 recognizing the May 2014 mutual agreement on the  
16 Reciprocal Issuance of Driver Licenses; commending  
17 Taiwan for its East China Sea Peace Initiative; and  
18 directing distribution.

19 WHEREAS, the expansion of Taiwan's role in the international  
20 community will enhance the important relationship between Taiwan and  
21 the United States, which is supported by the common values of  
22 freedom, limited government, the rule of law, and a commitment to a  
23 free market economy; and

24 WHEREAS, a Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) and a Free Trade  
Agreement (FTA) between Taiwan and the United States, and Taiwan's  
inclusion in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as well as

1 Taiwan's meaningful participation as an observer in the  
2 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), will contribute to  
3 its prosperity, and to the synergies created by the close and  
4 dynamic partnership between Taiwan and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan initiated a Sister-  
6 State Agreement on July 25, 1980, have enjoyed the benefits of the  
7 bonds of friendship and goodwill since that time, and now prepare to  
8 celebrate their thirty-fifth anniversary in 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second largest  
10 trading partner and Taiwan is the tenth largest trading partner of  
11 the United States. Bilateral trade in goods and services between  
12 the United States and Taiwan reached \$67.4 billion in 2014.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
14 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
15 CONCURRING THEREIN:

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby celebrates the  
17 thirty-fifth anniversary of the Sister-State relationship between  
18 the State of Oklahoma and Taiwan and expresses its steadfast support  
19 for Taiwan's growing role in the international community.

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby recognizes the mutual  
21 benefit to business and travel created by the May 2014 mutual  
22 agreement between the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and the  
23 Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Ministry of Transportation  
24 and Communications on the Reciprocal Issuance of Driver Licenses.

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby commends Taiwan,  
2 under the leadership of President Ma Ying-jeou, for its East China  
3 Sea Peace Initiative, which promotes peace and stability by  
4 providing political and economic cooperation and common ground for  
5 all parties and brings economic vitality to a troubled zone.

6        THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to the  
7 Honorable Louis Min-Jing Huang, Director General of the Taipei  
8 Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, as an expression of the  
9 sentiment of the Oklahoma State Legislature.

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